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January 31, 2011

### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

THE COMMISSION

THROUGH:

ALEC PALMER

**ACTING STAFF DIRECTOR** 

FROM:

PATRICIA CARMONA PC

CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER

DEBBIE CHACONA-

ASSISTANT STAFF DIRECTOR REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION

BY:

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COMPLIANCE BRANCH

SUBJECT:

REASON TO BELIEVE RECOMMENDATION – 2010 12 DAY PRE-GENERAL REPORT (UNAUTHORIZED COMMITTEES – MONTHLY

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FILERS) FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PROGRAM

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to file or timely file the 2010 12 Day Pre-General Report in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 434(a). The list is comprised of unauthorized committees that file monthly.

The committees appearing on the list either filed the report more than five (5) days after the due date, failed to file the report or failed to file the report prior to four (4) days before the November 2, 2010 General Election (considered a non-filed report). In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties at 11 CFR 111.43, these committees should be assessed the civil money penalties outlined on the attached Reason to Believe (RTB) circulation list.

### Recommendation

- 1. Find reason to believe that the political committees and their treasurers listed on the RTB Circulation Report violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalties would be the amounts indicated on the RTB Circulation Report.
- 2. Send the appropriate letters.

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# Federal Election Commission Reason to Believe Circulation Report 2010 PRE-GENERAL Election Sensitive 10/21/2010 UNAUTH\_M

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|    | RTB Pen   | \$156  |
|    | F <sub>O</sub>                                      | \$256  |
|    | Days Late   | 7  |
|    | Inreshold PV Receipt Date Days Late LOA RTB Penalty | 10/28/2010   |
|    | ₹   | <b>~</b>   |
|    | Threshold   | \$163,007  |
|    | Treasurer   | MELINDA  |
|    | Candidate<br>Name                                   |  |
|    | Committee Name                                      | 10TH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN<br>CONGRESSIONAL<br>COMMITTEE |
|    | AF#~ Committee                                      | Z265 C00005462   |
| ř. | AF#-<br>27?   | 2265   |

| \$115                                      | \$550  |
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| \$2,500                                    | \$4,793  |
| 9  | Not Filed  |
| 10/27/2010                                 | 11/15/2010   |
| 0  | 0  |
| \$135,842                                  | \$921,430  |
| TODD HAUPTLI   \$135,842                   | PAUL MIFSUD  |
| ATION OF                                   | TETIC<br>ALTICAL<br>ITTEE                                |
| AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AIRPORT EXECUTIVES | AMERICAN DIETETIC ASSOCIATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE |
| 2268   C00176727                           | 2269 C00143560   |
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| \$170                                 | \$550          | \$550              | \$660  | \$550                         | \$550                     | \$550   | \$660           |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---|-----------------|
| -                                     | 8              |                    |  | <del>97</del>                 | 67                        |   |                 |
| \$5,175                               | \$2,500        | \$3,245            | \$5,000  | \$3,135                       | \$4,250                   | \$4,941                                       | \$7,674         |
| 6                                     | Not Filed      | Not Filed          | Not Filed  | Not Filed                     | Not Filed                 | Not Filed                                     | Not Filed       |
| 10/27/2010                            | 11/3/2010      | 11/17/2010         | 11/4/2010  | 11/8/2010                     | 11/2/2010                 | 10/29/2010                                    | 11/19/2010      |
| 0                                     | 0              | 0                  | 0  | 0                             | 0                         | 0   | 0               |
| \$394,054                             | \$387,375      | \$116,061          | \$140,075  | \$779,895                     | \$113,601                 | \$342,057                                     | \$294,127       |
| BRIAN H.<br>GRAFF, ESQ.               | SCOTT SEGAL    | ROBERT LAY         | KEVIN E.<br>METHENY                              | GERALD<br>PATRICK<br>HALBACH  | PATRICIA NAST<br>BERAN    | DALE PERRY                                    | DENNIS          |
| PENSION PROFESSIONALS & ACTUARIES PAC | BRACEPAC       | COMMERCE BANCS PAC | FLORIDA CITRUS MUTUAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE | FOLLOW THE NORTH STAR<br>FUND | GRAND CANYON STATE CAUCUS | ' INTEGRAPAC OF INTEGRA TELECOM HOLDINGS INC. | JBS USA LLC PAC |
| 2271   C00333104                      | 2272 C00021295 | 2273 C00072967     | 2274 C00131607                                   | 2275 C00431874                | 2276 C00473249            | 2277 C00428094                                | 2278 C00394650  |
| 2271                                  | 2272           | 2273               | 2274   | 2275                          | 2276                      | 2277  | 2278            |

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| AF# Committee Committee Name Candidate                               | Committee Name   | Candic<br>Nam | date<br>16 | Treasurer                | Threshold   | <u>₹</u> | PV Receipt Date Days Late | Days Late | LOA       | RTB Penaity       |
| 2279 C00382796 GROUP EMPLOYEE FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE INC | LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE<br>GROUP EMPLOYEE FEDERAL<br>POLITICAL ACTION<br>COMMITTEE INC |               |            | ALBERT SIMIEN            | \$146,995   | 0        | 11/18/2010                | Not Filed | \$8,800   | \$660             |
| 2280 C00247403 NORPAC  | NORPAC   |               |            | KAREN<br>PICHKHADZE      | \$2,411,867 | 0        | 10/27/2010                | 9         | \$56,172  | 066\$             |
| 228.1 C00374298 PEANUT BUYING POINT PAC AKA PBP-PAC                  | PEANUT BUYING POINT PAC<br>AKA PBP-PAC   |               |            | J. TYRON<br>SPEARMAN     | \$124,691   | 0        | 11/15/2010                | Not Filed | \$1,000   | \$550             |
| 2282 C00009639 GOVERNMENT GROUP - GEORGIA                            | SUNTRUST BANK GOOD<br>GOVERNMENT GROUP -<br>GEORGIA                                  |               |            | CHRISTIAN D.<br>BEYERS   | \$235,868   | 0        | 11/8/2010                 | Not Filed | \$13,250  | 066\$             |
| 2283 C00202861 THE SENATE VICTORY FUND PAC                           | THE SENATE VICTORY FUND<br>PAC   | n<br>n        |            | JOHN M.<br>ROBINSON, CPA | \$1,105,768 | 0        | 11/9/2010                 | Not Filed | \$:14,686 | 066\$             |

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| In the Matter of                          | ) |                 |
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| Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2010   | Ś |                 |
| 12 Day Pre-General Report (Unauthorized   | ) |                 |
| Committees - Monthly Filers) for the      | ) |                 |
| Administrative Fine Program:              | ) |                 |
| 10TH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN                  | ) | AF# 2265        |
| CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE, and              | ) |                 |
| CONNER, MELINDA as treasurer;             | ) |                 |
| AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF                   | ) | AF# 2268        |
| AIRPORT EXECUTIVES, and HAUPTLI,          | ) |                 |
| TODD as treasurer;                        | ) |                 |
| AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PENSION               | ) | <b>AF# 2271</b> |
| PROFESSIONALS & ACTUARIES PAC,            | ) | •               |
| and BRIAN H.MR. GRAFF ESQ. as             | ) |                 |
| treasurer;                                | ) | 4 77 W 0000     |
| NORPAC, and PICHKHADZE, KAREN as          | ) | AF# 2280        |
| treasurer;                                | ) |                 |
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| AMERICAN DIETETIC ASSOCIATION             | ) | AF# 2269        |
| POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and           | í |                 |
| MIFSUD, PAUL as treasurer;                | Ś |                 |
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| BRACEPAC, and SEGAL, SCOTT as             | ) | AF# 2272        |
| treasurer;                                | ) |                 |
| COMMERCE BANCS PAC, and ROBERT            | ) | AF# 2273        |
| LAY as treasurer;                         | ) |                 |
| FLORIDA CITRUS MUTUAL                     | ) | AF# 2274        |
| POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and           | ) |                 |
| KEVIN E. METHENY as treasurer;            | ) |                 |
| FOLLOW THE NORTH STAR FUND, and           | ) | AF# 2275        |
| HALBACH, GERALD PATRICK MR. as            | ) |                 |
| treasurer;                                | ) |                 |
| GRAND CANYON STATE CAUCUS, and            | ) | AF# 2276        |
| BERAN, PATRICIA NAST as treasurer;        | ) |                 |
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| INTEGRAPAC OF INTEGRA TELECOM HOLDINGS INC., and DALE PERRY as | ) AF# 2277<br>) |
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| treasurer;   | }               |
| JBS USA LLC PAC, and ROERTY,                                   | ) AF# 2278      |
| DENNIS as treasurer;   | )               |
| LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE GROUP                                    | ) AF# 2279      |
| EMPLOYEE FEDERAL POLITICAL                                     | )               |
| ACTION COMMITTEE INC, and SIMIEN,                              | )               |
| ALBERT as treasurer;   | )               |
| PEANUT BUYING POINT PAC AKA                                    | ) AF# 2281      |
| PBP-PAC, and J TYRON SPEARMAN as                               | )               |
| treasurer;   | )               |
| SUNTRUST BANK GOOD   | ) AF# 2282      |
| GOVERNMENT GROUP - GEORGIA,                                    | )               |
| and BEYERS, CHRISTIAN D. MR. as                                | )               |
| treasurer;   | )               |
| THE SENATE VICTORY FUND PAC, and                               | ) AF# 2283      |
| ROBINSON, JOHN M. CPA as treasurer;                            | )               |

### CERTIFICATION

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clark of the Federal Election

Commission, do hereby certify that on February 02, 2011 the Commission took the

following actions on the Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2010 12 Day Pre
General Report (Unauthorized Committees - Monthly Filers) for the Administrative

Fine Program as recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum

dated January 31, 2011, on the following committees:

AF#2265 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that 10TH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE, and CONNER, MELINDA as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintrand voted affirmatively for the decision.

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AF#2268 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AIRPORT EXECUTIVES, and HAUPTLI, TODD as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2271 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PENSION PROFESSIONALS & ACTUARIES PAC, and BRIAN H.MR. GRAFF ESQ. as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Barrerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2280 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that NORPAC, and PICHKHADZE, KAREN as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2269 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that AMERICAN DIETETIC ASSOCIATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and MIFSUD, PAUL as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

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AF#2272 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that BRACEPAC, and SEGAL, SCOTT as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) sand the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

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**AF#2273** Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that COMMERCE BANCS PAC, and ROBERT LAY as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Barrerly, Hunter, McGahn II. Petersen, Wulthen, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that FLORIDA AF#2274 CITRUS MUTUAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and KEVIN E. METHENY as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted atfirmatively for the decision.

**AF#2275** Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that FOLLOW THE NORTH STAR FUND, and HALBACH, GERALD PATRICK MR. as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that GRAND AF#2276 CANYON STATE CAUCUS, and BERAN, PATRICIA NAST as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintrauu voted affirmatively for the decision.

Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that INTEGRAPAC **AF#2277** OF INTEGRA TELECOM HOLDINGS INC., and DALE PERRY as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2278 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that IBS USA LLC PAC, and ROERTY, DENNIS as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on Federal Election Commission: Certification for Administrative Fines February 02, 2011

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the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

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AF#2279 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE GROUP EMPLOYEE FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE INC, and SIMIEN, ALBERT as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2281 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that PEANUT BUYING POINT PAC AKA PBP-PAC, and J TYRON SPEARMAN as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the oivil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2282 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that SUNTRUST BANK GOOD GOVERNMENT GROUP - GEORGIA, and BEYERS, CHRISTIAN D. MR. as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissionem Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2283 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that THE SENATE VICTORY FUND PAC, and ROBINSON, JOHN M. CPA as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

Shawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission

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February 7, 2011

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Scott Segal, in official capacity as Treasurer **BRACEPAC** 2000 K Street, NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20006

C00021295 AF#: 2272

Dear Mr. Segal:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file a 12 Day Pre-General Report of Receipts and Disbursements in a calendar year during which there is a regularly scheduled election. This report, covering the period through October 13, 2010, shall be filed no later than October 21, 2010. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). Because records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that this report was not filed prior to four (4) days before the General Election held on November 2, 2010, it is considered not filed for the purpose of calculating the civil money penalty.

The Act was further amended in 1999 to permit the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4). On February 2, 2011, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that BRACEPAC and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) by failing to file timely this report on or before October 21, 2010. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$550. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 C.F.R. §§ 111.30-111.46. Attachment 1. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml. 11 C.F.R. § 111.34. Your payment of \$550 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by March 14, 2011, and is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$2,500

Number of Days Late: Not Filed (reports not filed prior to four (4) days before the General Election held on November 2, 2010 are considered not filed for the purpose of calculating the

Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

1. If You Choose to Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response, including the AF# found at the top of page 1 under your committee's identification number, to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 999 E Street, NW, Waoldington, DC 20463. Your response must be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or March 14, 2011. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(a). Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, and must include the factual hasis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(c).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three grounds: (1) a factual error in the RTB finding; (2) miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or (3) your demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond your control. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(b). In order for a challenge to be considered on the basis of best offorts, you must have filed the required report no latar than 24 hours after tho end of these rensonably unforeseen circumstances. Id. Examples of circumstances that will be eonsidered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to, (1) a failure of Commission computers or Commission-provided software despite your seeking technical assistance from Commission personnel and resources; (2) a widespread disruption of information transmissions over the Internet that is not caused by a failure of the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and (3) severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 111.35(e). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to, (1) negligence; (2) delays caused by vendors or contractors; (3) treasurer and staff illnoss, inexperience or unavailability; (4) committee computer, software, or Internet service provider failures; (5) failure to know filing dates; and (6) failure to use filing software purperly. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(d).

The "failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver" of your right to present such argument in a petition to the U.S. district court under 2 U.S.C. § 437g. 11 C.F.R. § 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

### 2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Suhmit a Challenge

If you do not pay the calculated civil money penalty and do not submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that BRACEPAC and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), us amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. The FEC may take any and all appropriate

action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 C.F.R. § 111.51(a)(2).

### 3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to put the calculated civil money penalty, send the enclosed remittance form, along with your payment, to the FEC at the address on page 4. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). It will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.42, unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at <a href="http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml">http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml</a>. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Sari Pickerall in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,

Synthia L. Baue

Chair

### ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$550 for the 2010 Pre-General Report.

Please mail this remittance with a check or money order made payable to the Federal Election Commission to the following address:

Federal Election Commission P.O. Box 979058 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your remittance and payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox FEC #979058 1005 Convention Plaza Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

The remittance and your payment are due by March 14, 2011. Upon receipt of your remittance and payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

### PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

### PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: BRACEPAC

· FEC ID#: C00021295

AF#: 2272

PAYMENT DUE DATE: March 14, 2011

**PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$550** 



May 16, 2011

### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

The Commission

THROUGH:

Alec Palmer

**Acting Staff Director** 

FROM:

Patricia Carmona

Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona 1)C
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

BY:

Yodi Witship/Sari Pickerall

Compliance Branch

SUBJECT:

Administrative Fine Program - Final Determination Recommendation for the 2010 12 Day Pre-General Report (Unauthorized Committees-Monthly Filers)

Attached are two lists of political committees and their treasurers against which the Commission has found reason to believe (RTB) and assessed proposed civil money penalties calculated at RTB for failure to file or failure to timely file the 2010 12 Day Pre-General Report (Unauthorized Committees-Monthly Filers). The first list represents the committees that have paid the civil money penalty and the second list represents the committees that have not paid the civil money penalty. The committees that have not paid have been given at least forty (40) days from the date of the Commission's RTB finding to remit payment.

In accordance with 11 CFR § 111.34 and 11 CFR § 111.40, the Commission shall send a final determination notice to those respondents that have either paid or not paid the civil money penalty.

### **RAD** Recommendation

- (1) Make final determination that the political committees and their treasurers listed on the attached reports violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess the final civil money paralties so indicated.
- (2) Send the appropriate letters.

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| AF# | Committee Name   | Candidate Committee | Committee | Treasurer      | Receipt Date Days Late LOA   | Days Late | FOA     | Μ | RTB Date     | PV RTB Date RTB Penalty Final Money Date Paid Penalty | Final Money<br>Penalty | Date Paid  | Amount<br>Paid |  |
|-----|--|---------------------|-----------|----------------|------------------------------|-----------|---------|---|--------------|---|------------------------|------------|----------------|--|
| 1   | 10TH DISTRICT<br>REPUBLICAN<br>CONGRESSIONAL<br>COMMITTEE      |                     | C00005482 | MELINDA CONNER | 10/28/2010                   | 7         | \$256   | 1 | 02/02/2011   | \$158   | \$156                  | 03/17/2011 | \$156          |  |
| _   | AMERICAN ASSOCIATION<br>OF AIRPORT EXECUTIVES                  |                     | C00176727 | TODO HAUPTLI   | 10/27/2010                   | 9         | \$2,500 | 0 | 1102/20/20   | \$115   | \$115                  | 02/14/2011 | \$115          |  |
|     | AMERICAN DIETETIC<br>ASSOCIATION POLITICAL<br>ACTION COMMITTEE |                     | C00143580 | PAUL MIFSUD    | 11/15/2010 Not Filed \$4,793 | Not Filed | \$4,793 |   | 0 02/02/2011 | 055\$   | \$550                  | 02/17/2011 | \$550          |  |

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|   | \$170   | \$550       | \$550              | 099\$  | \$560                      | \$550                        | \$550                                       | \$680           | 098\$  | 2880              | \$550                                  | 086\$   | \$990                 |
|   | 02/21/2011  | 02/15/2011  | 03/14/2011         | 02/25/2011   | 03/14/2011                 | 03/09/2011                   | 03/09/2011                                  | 02/28/2011      | 03/10/2011   | 02/25/2011        | 02/14/2011                             | 03/11/2011  | 03/03/2011            |
|   | \$170   | 099\$       | \$550              | 099\$  | \$550                      | 055\$                        | 099\$                                       | \$860           | 098\$  | 066\$             | \$550                                  | 068\$   | 066\$                 |
|   | \$170   | 055\$       | 099\$              | 099\$  | 099\$                      | \$550                        | 099\$                                       | \$660           | . 099\$  | 2990              | \$550                                  | \$990   | 068\$                 |
|   | 02/02/2011  | 02/02/2011  | 02/02/2011         | 02/02/2011   | 02/02/2011                 | 02/02/2011                   | 02/02/2011                                  | 02/02/2011      | 02/02/2011   | 02/02/2011        | 02/02/2011                             | 02/02/2011  | 02/02/2011            |
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|   | \$5,175   | \$2,500     | \$3,245            | \$5,000  | \$3,135                    | \$4,250                      | \$4,941                                     | \$7,674         | \$8,800  | \$56,172          | \$1,000                                | \$13,250  | \$14,686              |
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| _ | 10/27/2010  | 11/03/2010  | 11/17/2010         | 11/04/2010   | 11/08/2010                 | 11/02/2010                   | 10/29/2010                                  | 11/19/2010      | 11/18/2010   | 10/27/2010        | 11/15/2010                             | 11/08/2010  | 11/09/2010            |
|   | BRIAN H. GRAFF, ESQ.  | SCOTT SEGAL | ROBERT LAY         | KEVIN E. METHENY                                       | GERALD PATRICK HALBACH     | PATRICIA NAST BERAN          | DALE PERRY                                  | DENNIS ROERTY   | ALBERT SIMIEN  | KAREN PICHIKHADZE | J. TYRON SPEARMAN                      | CHRISTIAN D. BEYERS                                 | JOHN M. ROBINSON, CPA |
| _ | C00333104   | C00021295   | C00072967          | C00131607  | C00431874                  | C00473249                    | C00428094                                   | C00394650       | C00382796  | C00247403         | C00374298                              | 689600000   | C00202861             |
| - |   |             |                    |  | •                          |                              |   |                 |  |                   |  |   |                       |
| - | AMERICAN SOCIETY OF<br>PENSION PROFESSIONALS<br>& ACTUARIES PAC | BRACEPAC    | COMMERCE BANCS PAC | FLORIDA CITRUS MUTUAL<br>POLITICAL ACTION<br>COMMITTEE | FOLLOW THE NORTH STAR FUND | GRAND CANYON STATE<br>CAUCUS | INTEGRAPAC OF INTEGRA TELECOM HOLDINGS INC. | JBS USA LLC PAC | LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE<br>GROUP EMPLOYEE<br>FEDERAL POLITICAL<br>ACTION COMMITTEE INC | NORPAC            | PEANUT BUYING POINT PAC<br>AKA PBP-PAC | SUNTRUST BANK GOOD<br>GOVERNMENT GROUP -<br>GEORGIA | THE SENATE VICTORY    |
| - | 1722  | 2272        | 2273               | 2274   | 2275                       | 2276                         | 2277  | 2278            | 2279   | 2280              | 2281                                   | 2282  | 2283                  |

# BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

| In the Matter of  | ) |                 |
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| Administrative Fines - Final Determination                    | í |                 |
| Recommendation for the 12 Day 2010 Pre-                       | ) |                 |
| General (Unauthorized Committees-                             | ) |                 |
| Monthly Filers):  | ) |                 |
| 10TH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN                                      | ) | AF# 2265        |
| CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE, and                                  | ) |                 |
| CONNER, MELINDA as treasurer;                                 | ) |                 |
| AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF                                       | ) | AF# 2268        |
| AIRPORT EXECUTIVES, and HAUPTLI,                              | ) |                 |
| TODD as treasurer;  | ) |                 |
| AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PENSION                                   | ) | AF# 2271        |
| PROFESSIONALS & ACTUARIES PAC,                                | ) |                 |
| and BRIAN H.MR. GRAFF ESQ. as                                 | ) |                 |
| treasurer;  | ) |                 |
| NORPAC, and PICHKHADZE, KAREN as                              | ) | AF# 2280        |
| treasurer;  | ) |                 |
| AMERICAN DIETETIC ASSOCIATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and | ) | AF# 2269        |
| MIFSUD, PAUL as treasurer;                                    | í |                 |
|   | , |                 |
| BRACEPAC, and SEGAL, SCOTT as                                 | ) | AF# 2272        |
| treasurer;  | ) |                 |
| COMMERCE BANCS PAC, and ROBERT                                | ) | AF# 2273        |
| LAY as treasurer;   | į | 4 TO 11 00 CT 4 |
| FLORIDA CITRUS MUTUAL   | Ì | AF# 2274        |
| POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and                               | ļ |                 |
| KEVIN E. METHENY as treasurer;                                | Ì | 4 Tru 0055      |
| FOLLOW THE NORTH STAR FUND, and                               | Ì | AF# 2275        |
| HALBACH, GERALD PATRICK MR. as                                | } |                 |
| treasurer;  | ) |                 |

GRAND CANYON STATE CAUCUS, and AF# 2276 BERAN, PATRICIA NAST as treasurer; INTEGRAPAC OF INTEGRA TELECOM **AF# 2277** HOLDINGS INC., and DALE PERRY as treasurer: JBS USA LLC PAC, and ROERTY, AF# 2278 DENNIS as treasurer; LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE GROUP AF# 2279 EMPLOYEE FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE INC, and SIMIEN, ALBERT as treasurer; PEANUT BUYING POINT PAC AKA AF# 2281 PBP-PAC, and J TYRON SPEARMAN as treasurer; SUNTRUST BANK GOOD AF# 2282 GOVERNMENT GROUP - GEORGIA, and BEYERS, CHRISTIAN D. MR. as treasurer; THE SENATE VICTORY FUND PAC, and **AF# 2283** ROBINSON, JOHN M. CPA as treasurer,

### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election

Commission, do hereby certify that on May 18, 2011 the Commission took the

following actions on the Administrative Fines - Final Determination

Recommendation for the 12 2010 Day Pre-General (Unauthorized Committees
Monthly Filers) as recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated May 16, 2011, on the following committees:

AF#2265 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that 10TH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE, and CONNER, MELINDA as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

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AF#2268 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AIRPORT EXECUTIVES, and HAUPTLI, TODD as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) sand the appropriate letter. Commissioners Ranarly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2271 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PENSION PROFESSIONALS & ACTUARIES PAC, and BRIAN H.MR. GRAFF ESQ. as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2280 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that NORPAC, and PICHKHADZE, KAREN as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2269 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that AMERICAN DIETETIC ASSOCIATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and MIFSUD, PAUL as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2272 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that BRACEPAC, and SEGAL, SCOTT as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

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AF#2273 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that COMMERCE BANCS PAC, and ROBERT LAY as treasurur, violated 2 U.J.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money punalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2274 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that FLORIDA CITRUS MUTUAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and KEVIN E. METHENY as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2275 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that FOLLOW THE NORTH STAR FUND, and HALBACH, GERALD PATRICK MR. as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2276 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that GRAND CANYON STATE CAUCUS, and BERAN, PATRICIA NAST as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Peiersen, Walther, and Weintraub votetl affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2277 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that INTEGRAPAC OF INTEGRA TELECOM HOLDINGS INC., and DALE PERRY as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2278 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that JBS USA LLC PAC, and ROERTY, DENNIS as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2279 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE GROUP EMPLOYEE FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE INC, and SIMIEN, ALBERT as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2281 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that PEANUT BUYING POINT PAC AKA PBP-PAC, and J TYRON SPEARMAN as treasner,

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violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Baserly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2282 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that SUNTRUST BANK GOOD GOVERNMENT GROUP - GEORGIA, and BEYERS, CHRISTIAN D. MR. as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2283 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that THE SENATE VICTORY FUND PAC, and ROBINSON, JOHN M. CPA as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

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Date

Shawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



May 19, 2011

Scott Segal, in official capacity as Treasurer BRACEPAC 2000 K Street, NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20006

C00021295 AF#: 2272

Dear Mr. Segal:

On February 2, 2011, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that BRACEPAC and its treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for filing late or failing to file the 2010 Pre-General Report. By letter dated February 7, 2011, the Commission sent notification of the RTB finding that included a civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage of \$550 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43.

On February 15, 2011, the FEC received payment of the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage. The FEC made a final determination on May 18, 2011 that you, in your official capacity as treasurer, and BRACEPAC violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a), assessed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$550 in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, and voted to close the file.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. The file will be made a part of the public record pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 111.42(b). Although the file must be placed on the public record within thirty (30) days from the date of the Commission's notification, this could occur at anytime following certification of the Commission's vote.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Sari Pickerall on our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130.

On behalf of the Commission,

Cynthia L. Bauerly

Chair

FOR: BRACEPAC

FEC ID#: C00021295

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PAYMENT DUE DATE: March 14, 2011

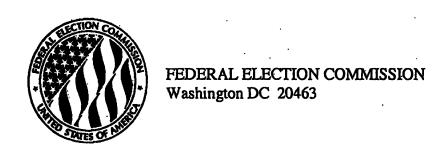
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# THIS IS THE END OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINE CASE # 2272

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SCANNER NO. 2

SCAN OPERATOR JMP